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PAN CARD
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the objectives sought to be achieved through Permanent Account Number (PAN) Scheme is not being achieved fully due to inordinate delay in allotment of PAN ;

(b) if so, whether the Government out source this job to all Post Offices to issue PAN so that general public will be able to easily obtained PAN; and

(c) the time frame set up within which all the identified assessees would be issued PAN cards?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) There is no inordinate delay in allotment of Permanent Account Number (PAN). In 95.8% of the cases, PAN is allotted and PAN Card is dispatched within the stipulated period of 15 days from the date of application.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above, there is no proposal to outsource the Job of PAN allotment to Post Offices.

(c) The identification of persons who are likely to be assesses, is a continuous process. This identification will be accelerated by expanding the basket of persons who are required to have a PAN. Accordingly, as and when, applications are received from such persons, PAN will be issued within the stipulated period of 15 days.